



Government Travel Charge Card

INFORMATION BRIEFING FOR CARDHOLDERS

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Using your Travel Card Acceptable Use



- 15 Million VISA Merchant locations Worldwide
- Cardholders may only use the Government Travel Card for expenses incurred conducting government business on official government temporary duty travel
 - Lodging
 - Car Rental/Fuel
 - Dining







- PCS expenses
- Personal expenses

Abuse is a violation of DoD regulations and is punishable under the UCMJ



Your Travel Card Program Responsibilities



- In-process through your unit APC upon arrival
- Out-process through your unit APC when permanently departing the unit
- Submit Travel Voucher
 - Within 5 working days of completing official travel





- File Interim Travel Claim While on Extended Travel
 - Travel longer than 45 days
 - File claim every 30 days
- Notify Supervisor if NOT reimbursed within 30 days
 - Review reimbursement voucher





- Review Statement of Account from Bank of America for billing errors
- Make Payments in FULL on TIME
 By statement due date
- Report lost or stolen Card IMMEDIATELY
 (800) 472-1424





Disputes Process

- Initially attempt to resolve the problem directly with the merchant
- Disputes are the responsibility of the individual member
- Member must file disputes form within 60 days of receipt of billing statement
- Accounts will continue to age through the delinquency process unless a formal dispute has been filed





Disputes & Billing Errors

- Bank of America (800) 472-1424
- Collect outside the United States
 (757) 441-4124
- Obtain Dispute Forms from your Unit APC, or use the reverse of your billing statement



Payment Options



Submit Payment in FULL by payment due date:

- Split disbursement (Highly recommended)
- U. S. Mail (Statement with check etc)
- Pay by phone (\$10.00 charge)

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Accountability



- Your travel card is a personal financial liability
 - Used properly it is a convenient tool
 - Abused it can hurt your personal credit record and military career
- Failure to make payment in full by Statement Due Date is subject to:
 - Command Notification and Reporting
 - Suspension or Cancellation of card privileges
 - Assessed late fees
 - Negative Credit Bureau Reporting



Your Travel Card Program Resources



- DoD Financial Management Regulation
 - Vol 9, Chap3 www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/09/09_03.pdf
- Travel Card Cardholder Agreement
- Cardholder Program Guide
- Government Card Services Unit (GCSU)
 - **(800) 472-1424**
- Agency Program Coordinator (A/OPC) or Supervisor







- The Travel Card Program offers you features that make travel convenient, easy and worry-free.
- Your Travel Card is for <u>your</u> official travel expenses only.
- It is your responsibility to make payments on or before the payment due date.
- Contact GCSU and your APC or supervisor for questions and issues pertaining to your account.



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS